

DECLARATION OF CAROLYN A. FISCHER
IN SUPPORT OF RULE 35 CFR 1.47(b)

I, Carolyn A. Fischer, state as follows:

1. I am a Patent Agent with the 3M Company, the Assignee of the above-identified application (hereinafter "the present application").

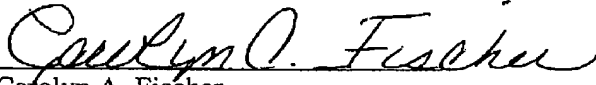
2. A JP patent application (No. JP 2003-002464) was filed January 8, 2003 naming Akira Yoda, Hiroshi Kikuchi, Chikafumi Yokoyama, and Takaki Sugimoto as joint inventors. I prepared Attorney Docket No. 58343US005, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/538450, filed June 10, 2005, that was a 35 USC § 371 filing of PCT/US2003/039866 that claimed priority to JP 2003-002464 under 35 U.S.C. 119.

3. I sent a copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/538450 along with the Assignment as well as the Declaration and Power of Attorney documents to the Toshio Tamura, Manager of Intellectual Property Department of Sumitomo-3M, to obtain the signatures of the coinventors.

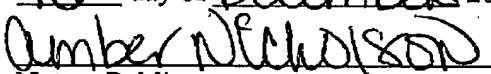
4. As evidenced by the attached statement from Toshio Tamura Chikafumi Yokoyama, a former employee of Sumitomo 3M Ltd., has refused to execute the Assignment as well as the Declaration and Power of Attorney documents.

5. The last known address of Chikafumi Yokoyama is 6-25-30, Minami-Kurihara,
Zama-shi, Kanagawa, 228-0015, Japan.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.


Carolyn A. Fischer

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

16th day of December 2005

Notary Public

